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SUBJ: MEETING ON COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECT, 29-30  
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AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORATE DIR. SIMANTOV INDICATED MEETING  
WILL CONCENTRATE ON PROPOSED ADMINISTRATION AND FINANC-  
ING OF PROJECT, NOT REPEAT NOT ON PROJECT SUBSTANCE  
AT THIS TIME. BASIS FOR FRENCH PARTICIPATION STILL  
UNCERTAIN. FRENCH DELEGATION HAD HOPED TO OBTAIN  
FUNDING FROM GENERAL BUDGET FOR RESEARCH, BUT HAVE  
BEEN INFORMED BY FRENCH FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES ANY  
CONTRIBUTION MUST COME FROM ALREADY ESTABLISHED  
RESEARCH BUDGET FOR AGRICULTURE.

SIMANTOV ALSO SUGGESTED U.S. SHOULD BE PREPARED TO  
DISCUSS QUESTION RAISED EARLIER BY UK AND OTHERS AS TO  
WHETHER U.S. CAN EXCEED THE 25 PERCENT GENERAL CONTRI-  
BUTION LIMIT ON FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT. IF ALL  
COUNTRIES WERE PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROJECT THE 25  
PERCENT LIMIT WOULD APPLY. BUT SINCE ALL COUNTRIES  
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WILL NOT PARTICIPATE AT LEAST IN THE FIRST YEAR  
(I.E., JAPAN, POSSIBLY FRANCE) COULD U.S. FROM  
BOTH LEGAL AND FUNDING AVAILABILITY STANDPOINT,  
CONTRIBUTE TO PROJECT MORE THAN 25 PERCENT IN PRO-  
PORTION TO OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES? SUCH ADDI-  
TIONAL CONTRIBUTION COULD BE IN A FORM SIMILAR TO THAT  
PROPOSED BY GERMANY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION. AGATT

UNDERSTANDS THIS POINT RAISED EARLIER AND THAT WHILE  
EDMINSTER INDICATED FUNDING AVAILABLE, STATE OPPOSED  
ON LEGAL OR PRINCIPLE GROUNDS.

AGATT RECOMMENDS SCHUH SCHEDULE TWO EXTRA DAYS TO  
ATTEND THIS MEETING AFTER WP1 IN LIEU OF SPECIAL TRIP  
BY EDMINSTER. SCHUH SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE  
POLICY DECISIONS FOR U.S. ON CONTRIBUTION QUESTION.  
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